REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended, and drawing Fig. 7 is added by the attached additional drawing sheet. Support for the amendments to the specification and Fig. 7 can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 4-15. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

During the June 15, 2004, personal interview with Examiner Thanh, Examiner Thanh indicated that the features of "the groove is helical," as recited in claim 5 must be shown in the figures. Thus, Examiner Thanh asserted that a new figure should be added showing a core of needleless syringe including a groove that is helical. Accordingly, Applicants add the attached additional drawing sheet of Fig. 7 showing a core for a needleless syringe having a groove that is helical, as set forth in claim 5. Further, the specification is amended to describe Fig. 7.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Additional Sheet (Fig. 7)

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